

Attn: Appropriations Committee

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It is my understanding that Governor Malloy had proposed adding SLE weekend service to New London. This is terrific news. Providing reliable and affordable mass transportation service is a fundamental requirement if the State is committed to insuring future growth.

There have been numerous studies regarding the powerful and positive economic effect that quality mass transit can create. Transit oriented development has been the catalyst for sustainable growth and prosperity for many communities throughout the country. New London has all the elements required to capitalize on this type of development.

I have owned and operated my own business in New London since 1973. I can tell you from personal experience that the region is ready, willing and able to become a tourism and business epicenter. All the components are in place. Bringing affordable and reliable mass transit options to the City of New London is a smart investment.

Interstate 95 is operating at twice its design capacity. Any thoughts of expanding I-95 are simply not realistic. Adding more trains is. The tracks are already built. The train station is already built and there is a parking garage 50 yards from the entrance to the station. What are we waiting for?

Many Thanks,

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